

Nebraska Oil & Gas Rules and Regulations

* Oil and Gas Code *

Section 1 (Definitions)

001 COMMISSION shall mean the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Nebraska.

002 DIRECTOR shall mean Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Nebraska.

003 AUTHORIZED DEPUTY shall mean a representative of the Director authorized by the Commission.

004 BARREL shall mean 42 (US) gallons at 60° F., at atmospheric pressure.

005 CUBIC FOOT of gas for reporting purposes shall be the volume of gas contained in one cubic foot of space at a standard pressure of 14.73 psia and at a standard temperature of 60° F.

006 DAY shall mean a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours.

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007 LOG or WELL LOG shall mean a systematic detailed record of formations encountered in the drilling of a well.

008 ACT shall mean the Oil and Gas Conservation Act of the State of Nebraska.

009 OIL WELL shall mean a well, the principal production of which at the wellhead is oil as defined by the Act.

010 GAS WELL shall mean a well, the principal production of which at the wellhead is gas as defined by the Act and is not an oil well as defined above.

011 WELL, unless otherwise defined in these Rules and Regulations, shall refer only to an oil or gas well, or enhanced recovery injection or disposal injection well, or to a hole drilled for the purpose of producing oil or gas, or injecting fluids for enhanced recovery purposes or injecting wastes associated with oil and gas production, including salt water. It shall not include seismic, core or other exploratory holes drilled for the purpose of obtaining geological information.

012 DESIGNATED AGENT, when used herein, shall mean the designated representative of any oil or gas lessee, owner or operator.

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013 The words FIELD, POOL, PERSON, OWNER, PRODUCER, OIL, GAS, WASTE, CORRELATIVE RIGHTS as defined by the Act apply in these Rules and Regulations.

014 SPECIAL FIELD RULES shall mean those rules promulgated for and limited in their application to individual pools or fields entirely or partially within the State of Nebraska.

015 COMPLETION or RE-COMPLETION. An oil well shall be considered completed when the first oil, exclusive of a quantity equal to any crude or refined oil injected into casing or formation as a part of the completion operations, is produced through wellhead equipment from the producing interval after casing has been run. A gas well shall be considered completed when the well is capable of producing gas through wellhead equipment from the producing zone after casing has been run. A dry hole or nonproductive well shall be considered completed when all provisions of plugging are complied with as set out in these rules.

016 INITIAL PURCHASER shall mean the purchaser having title to the oil or gas when it is first transported from the lease.

017 COMMINGLING IN THE WELL BORE shall mean the production of more than one pool concurrently through a common well bore without segregation within the well bore of the pools exposed to production.

018 MULTIPLE COMPLETION shall mean the completion of any one well in such a manner that each of two or more pools may be produced concurrently and independently through the same well bore and without commingling in the well bore of fluids produced from the various segregated pools.

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019 FRESH WATER means a source of water used for drinking water purposes, or water contained in an aquifer which contains less than ten thousand (10,000) parts per million total dissolved solids, unless the aquifer is exempted by the Director.

020 AN INACTIVE WELL is classified as SHUT-IN when the completion interval is open to the tubing or to the casing. An inactive well is classified as TEMPORARILY ABANDONED when the completion interval is isolated.

021 DEQ shall mean the Department of Environmental Quality of the State of Nebraska.

022 EXEMPT E&P WASTE shall mean those exploration and production wastes exempted from hazardous waste regulation under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

023 SURFACE WATERS shall mean all waters within the state, including all streams, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, and drainage systems. Surface waters do not include those areas designated as wastewater treatment ponds, irrigation reuse ponds, low-lying areas that retain water on a temporary basis and intermittent streams.

024 ALL OTHER WORDS used herein shall be given their usual customary and accepted meaning; and all words of a technical nature, or peculiar to the oil and gas industry, shall be given that meaning which is generally accepted in said oil and gas industry.

Statute: 57-903; 57-904; 57-905; 57-917; 57-919; 57-920